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IN A VEHICLE

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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir.

In response to the Office Action mailed February 25, 2005, please amend the captioned application, as follows. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due in connection with this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 03-1800.

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Amendments to the Claims begin at page 2.

Remarks begin at page 12.

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From the foregoing, it is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all previously outstanding rejections. Thus, prompt and we is invited

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May 24, 2005 favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If a telephone conference would expedite allowance or resolve any further questions, such a conference with the undersigned is invited at the convenience of the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted.

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